

APPROVED MINUTES  
ARTS COMMISSION  
CITY OF MILPITAS

**Minutes:** Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)  
**Date of Meeting:** Monday, October 23, 2006  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Conference Room

**I. Call to Order** The Chair called the Meeting to Order at 7:05 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance** The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

**III. Roll Call** Commissioners Present: Butler, McGuire, Ogle, and Rabe

Commissioner Absence Excused: Ettinger

Commissioners Absence Unexcused: Foulk, Hays, and Alternates Tsuei and Asif

City Staff Present: Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen,  
Public Services Clerk, Tirzah Cedillo

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano

**IV. Seating of Alternates** No alternates were seated.

**V. Approval of Agenda** **MOTION** to move under New Business; item #1 "Phantom Art Gallery Application – Zhu" to after Presentations; "Outstanding Artist Darlene Carman."  
M/S: McGuire/Butler Ayes: All

**MOTION** to approve the Agenda of September 26, 2006 as amended.  
M/S: McGuire/Ogle Ayes: All

**VI. Approval of Minutes** **MOTION** to approve minutes from September 26, 2006.  
M/S: Ogle/McGuire Ayes: All

**MOTION** to approve minutes from August 28, 2006.  
M/S: Butler/Ogle Ayes: All

**VII. Public Forum** None.

**VIII. Presentations – Outstanding Artist Darlene Carman**

Commissioner McGuire introduced Ms. Darlene Carman to the Commission as the Outstanding Artist recipient. Ms. Carman who's the "Painting Gourmet," a weekly show that encourages people to do artwork. Ms. Carman invited the Rainbow Theatre Program and Phantom Art Gallery Artists to be guests on her show.

Chairperson Rabe presented the Outstanding Artist Recognition certificate to Ms. Darlene Carman.

## **XI. New Business**

### **1. Phantom Art Gallery Application - Zhu**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen introduced Ms. Ava Zhu. She's a 12-year-old Chinese Traditional Water brush Paint artist. Her animal focus is Cats. She's been painting since she was four years old, and immigrated here about two months ago. Currently she attends the Art Club at Rancho Milpitas Middle School.

The Commission stated that her work was very different from past displays in the Gallery and would be a great addition to the Gallery.

**MOTION** to approve Ms. Ava Zhu's artist application and have her artwork exhibit from September 24, 2007 to November 16, 2007.

M/S: McGuire/Butler Ayes: All

## **IX. Announcements/Correspondence None.**

## **X. Old Business**

### **1. Work Plan – Chairperson Rabe**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated she attended "Career Day" at Rancho Milpitas Middle School and the students expressed interest in writing; creative writing, and poetry. She spoke with the Milpitas Library about promote Literary Arts in collaboration with the Arts Commission, and possibly the Youth Advisory Commission and the Library Advisory Commission to have a contest for poetry and creative writing. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen asked the Commission if any of them would be interested on working such a project. Chairperson Rabe stated she would be interested and would like to contact Pat Montoya at a poetry-reading meeting.

Chairperson Rabe asked that Staff return to the November meeting with dates on any "Literary Weeks" or "Poetry Months" set by the State so a literary event could be held in conjunction with the National calendar.

Note. Receipt. File.

### **2. Arts Day Review – Chairperson Rabe**

Chairperson Rabe stated the Arts Day Milpitas event held on Sunday, October 1, 2006 was a great success. She stated the children were very happy showing her their art.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Arts Day Milpitas event for next year has been scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2007, and it's been added to the City's Special Event calendar, approved by City Council.

Chairperson Rabe stated pieces of recycled art, from Arts Day, would be put in the display cabinet at City Hall on November 1, 2006.

Community Enrichment Coordinator asked the Commission what would they want to do with the donated books from Borders Books. The Commission stated they would like to either donate them to 'Raising a Reader' program or to the Milpitas Community Center Preschool.

**MOTION** to donate three of the six books to 'Raising a Reader' Program and the other three to the Milpitas Community Center Preschool.

M/S: McGuire/Ogle

Ayes: All

## **XI. New Business**

### **2. Sunnyhills Breakfast – Commissioners Rabe/Butler**

Chairperson Rabe reminded the Commission that they are hosting the Sunnyhills Breakfast, scheduled for Sunday, January 7, 2007. Commissioner Butler asked the Commission to discuss the breakfast supplies and the program. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen asked if the Commission would like to form a Sunnyhills Breakfast Subcommittee to work on the menu and program with the budget of \$800.00. She also asked the Commission how many people would be in attendance at the breakfast. Chairperson Rabe answered 30-40 people. Chairperson Rabe stated that due to the lack of Commissioners at tonight's meeting she would like to discuss the logistics and make decisions about the Breakfast at this meeting.

Commissioner Butler stated for the breakfast menu she recommends fresh fruit, coffee, and bagels, juice. Commissioner Butler recommends fresh baked bread like bagels and croissants from the bakery on Dixon Road with cream cheese. She doesn't want to cook the breakfast. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen asked the Commission to decide who would be responsible for the following items:

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| • Food                   | Chairperson Rabe, Commissioner Butler  |
| • Program Information    | Commissioner Ogle                      |
| • Decorations            | All Commissioners                      |
| • Breakfast Staff        | Chairperson Rabe, Commissioner McGuire |
| • Breakfast Presentation | Chairperson Rabe                       |

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated to give a brief updated of the Sunnyhills Breakfast at the November 27, 2006 Arts Commission meeting and ask for more volunteers.

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### **3. CASP Grant Review - Lorentzen**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, explained to the Commission, that in response to their request to look at a more efficient grant process, Staff met with the CASP Grant Review Subcommittee to review the current grant and make changes. She asked the Commission to refer to the attachments; Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Program Grant Applications for both "Artist" and "Organization," and the Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Program "Change Outline." She read from the "Change Outline" out loud and for the Commission to ask questions when needed.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen read under 'Overall Changes,' section Eligibility: Projects must be held in the City of Milpitas and

fit one of the three listed Areas Support; which are: arts education, community arts, cultural experience. She read under section Eligibility: Returning Grantees, after two consecutive grant cycles must: create a new and different program, as this would encourage artistic development.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen read under 'Overall Changes,' section Funding: Funding for the Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Program comes from the City of Milpitas; General Fund, and the program annually awards money through a variety of funding categories. Each grant cycle will reserve a portion of monies to be awarded to first time application proposals only. Specifically the 'portion of monies' refers to \$2,000.00 for first time grantees who meet the criteria.

The Commission stated they were comfortable with the changes and think they will improve the overall grant program and encourage new arts and cultural events in the City.

**MOTION** to approve the grant and recommend for City Council approval.

M/S: Butler/McGuire

Ayes: All

## **XII. Staff Reports**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **“The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe” – October 26-28 – Milpitas Community Center**
- **Veterans Day Ceremony – November 11<sup>th</sup> – 9am – Veterans Memorial**

## **XIII. Liaison Reports**

### **1. City Council**

Council Member Giordano stated at the October 3, 2006, City Council meeting, Council considered the following:

- Reviewed Petition from neighbors near Gill Park on Noise concerns.
- Approved governing policy and operating procedures for Milpitas Community Television.
- Approved minor entryway signs for City at Montague/Park Victoria, So. Main Street/Montague Expwy, No. Milpitas Blvd/Dixon Landing, and a Branding Strategy Committee.
- Approved recommendation from the Facilities Naming Subcommittee to request the county to include historically themed elements in the proposed Milpitas Valley Health Center to honor early medical professionals in Milpitas.
- Approved twelve family childcare assistance fund grant requests.
- Consideration of an ordinance regarding appointment of Planning Commissioners.

Council Member Giordano stated at the October 17, 2006, City Council meeting, Council considered the following:

- Appeal of Planning Commission decision to deny dance floor King Crab Restaurant.
- Approved proposal for commission recognition event.
- Introduced ordinance-prohibiting amplification of sound at Gill Park.

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**2. Commissioner CASP Review**

**Kaisahan (Commissioner Ogle)**

Commissioner Ogle stated the Kaisahan performance has improved, but did notice that there weren't other Commissioners in attendance.

**5. Senior Advisory Commission**

Chairperson Rabe stated she would try to attend the Senior Advisory Commission meeting scheduled for October 24, 2006.

**XIV. Future Agenda Items**

None

**XV. Adjournment**

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m., to the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 27, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tirzah Cedillo  
Recording Secretary